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Appl. No.: 09/889,847 Group: 1734
Filed: July 23, 2001 Examiner: GRAY, LINDA
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND
CONTINUOUS MEMBER USED AS PART OF ABSORBENT ARTICLE

ATTN: REFUND SECTION
ACCOUNTING DIVISION
OFFICE OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR REFUND
(Improper Charge of Deposit Account)

MS 16
Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account

02-2448 shown on the statement dated July 7, 2003 for the above-identified

☒ application

☐ patent

☐ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs,
accompanies this request.

II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

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AMOUNT OF
REFUND
REQUESTED

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	TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED	<u>\$110.00</u>

III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

The Office Action was mailed March 21, 2003 which made the Amendment due June 21, 2003 which fell on a Saturday. Therefore, the Amendment was filed Monday, June 23, 2003 so a one month extension of time was not needed.

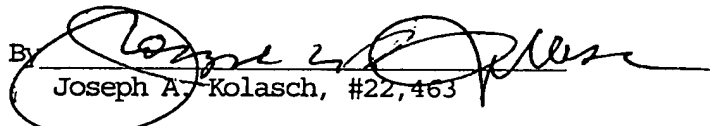
IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

Respectfully submitted,

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